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ABSTRACT

This bibliography lists major sociological and social-psychological works on social movements in general. Reports of specific movements or episodes have been excluded, except where they have broad sociological implications. The citations are listed alphabetically by author. (Author/JG)

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During the last thirty or forty years and especially during the past two decades the literature on social movements has proliferated enormously. Much of the burgeon consists of non-systematic, idiosyncratic accounts of specific movements or episodes. Such reports are excluded from this bibliography. An attempt has been made to include references to all major sociological and social psychological works on social movements in general. The few case studies of specific movements which have been included (Killian, 1968; Laus; and Parkin) have broad sociological implications. Several significant sociological articles and essays have been omitted because they are available in the readings edited by McLaughlin and Turner & Killian.

Blumer, Herbert. "Collective Behavior." New Outline of the Principles of Sociology. Edited by Alfred McClung Lee. New York: Barnes and Noble, 1951.
The classic treatment of social movements. Develops movement classification and concept of life cycle. Distinguishes between reform and revolutionary movements.

Burgess, J. Stewart. "The Study of Modern Social Movements as a Means for Clarifying the Process of Social Action." Social Forces, Vol. 22 (1944), 269-75.
Report on four years of study of social movements by sociology students at Temple University.

Cameron, William Bruce. Modern Sociological Movements: A Sociological Outline. New York: Random House, 1966.
Good sociological introduction to the topic. Annotated bibliography.

Cantril, Hadley. The Psychology of Social Movements. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1941. Science Editions paperback 1963.
A social psychological treatment of several forms of collective behavior in terms of mental context, social motivation and the pursuit of meaning in life by individuals. Describes and discusses the lynching mob, the Kingdom of Father Divine, the Oxford Group (Moral Rearmament), the Townsend Plan and Nazism.

Davis, Jerome. Contemporary Social Movements. New York: The Century Co., 1930.
Purports to be the first textbook on social movements and sets out to determine the 'truth' about social science, utopias, socialism, communism, fascism, cooperation, the British Labour Party and the peace movement primarily for utilitarian purposes. Of historical rather than theoretical interest. Bibliography.

Gun, Ted Robert. Why Men Rebel. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1970.

Focuses upon relative deprivation as well-spring of rebellion, political violence and movements.

Heberle, Rudolf. "Observations on the Sociology of Social Movements." American Sociological Review, Vol. 14 (1949), 346-57.

Concise summary of the major points made in his Social Movements: An Introduction to Political Sociology. New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1951. This is a fairly successful attempt to develop a comparative, systematic political sociology of social movements. Relationships between movements, parties and classes are stressed.

Killian, Lewis M. The Impossible Revolution? Black Power and the American Dream. New York: Random House, 1968.

An historical analysis in a social movement framework of the Negro freedom movement in the United States.

Killian, Lewis M. "Social Movements." Handbook of Modern Sociology. Edited by R.E.L. Faris. Chicago: Rand McNally, 1964, 426-55.

Well-developed, one chapter introduction to the sociology of social movements with references to much of the available literature. Discusses movement types, properties, structure and development.

King, C. Wendall. Social Movements in the United States. Studies in Sociology. New York: Random House, 1956.

Elementary introduction heavily dependent upon Blumer, Cantril and Heberle. Short annotated bibliography.

Lang, Kurt and Lang, Gladys E. Collective Dynamics. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Co., 1961.

One of three major contemporary works covering the collective behavior 'waterfront'. Contains a two chapter treatment of social movements.

Laue, James H. "Direct Action and Desegregation: A Study in Social Spontaneity and Institutionalization." Unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, Harvard University, 1965.

Splendid example of sociological study of a social movement via participant observation.

McLaughlin, Barry, ed. Studies in Social Movements: A Social Psychological Perspective. New York: The Free Press, 1969.

Collection of twenty-six readings on social movements from the perspective of the individual participant. Discusses the analysis of social movements and motivational factors, conversion to membership, leadership belief and participation, social sources of ideologies and movement transformation and decline.

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Oppenheimer, Martin. The Urban Guerrilla. Chicago: Quadrangle Books, 1969.

Cogent analysis of the purposive social change strategies open to social movements promotion groups in rural and urban settings. Discusses social banditry, peasant uprisings, guerrilla bands, liberation armies, gangsterism, riots, terrorism, rebellions or 'risings'.

Parkin, Frank. Middle Class Radicalism: The Social Bases of the British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. New York: Frederick A. Praeger, 1968.

Excellent example of application of survey research to the study of social movements. Focus is upon differences in motivation for movement participation between the middle and working classes.

Small, Albion W. "The Meaning of the Social Movement." American Journal of Sociology, Vol. 3, No. 3 (Nov. 1897), 340-54.

The first reference to social movements in English in the literature of modern sociology. A sympathetic reflection upon purposive change and reform efforts of his time which were remarkably parallel to contemporary concerns.

Smelser, Neil J. Theory of Collective Behavior. New York: The Free Press of Glencoe, 1963.

The best systematic (if somewhat conservatively biased) theoretical treatment available in the literature. Develops a general theory and applies it to panics, crazes, hostile outbursts, norm-and value-oriented social movements. Contains a wealth of references to various movements and collective episodes. Chapter XI is a good summary of Smelser's theory and his approach to sociological research via systematic comparative illustration.

Toch, Hans. The Social Psychology of Social Movements. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Co., 1965.

Treats social movements from the perspective of the individual member--why he joins, what he joins, the consequences of membership, how he leaves.

Turner, Ralph and Killian, Lewis M. Collective Behavior. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1957.

The third of the 'big three' contemporary treatments of collective behavior. Through a collection of readings with extensive connective discussion social movements are examined in the context of collective behavior. Annotated bibliography.

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